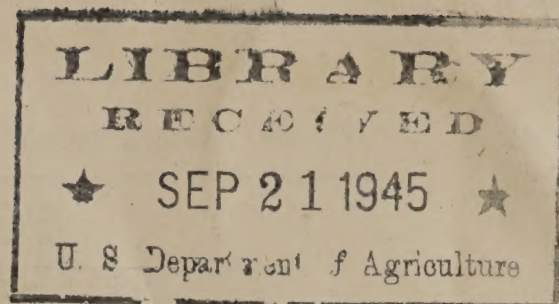


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Exhibition Dahlia Specialist

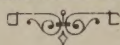
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TO MY CLIENTS



IT is with great pleasure I present my Catalogue for the coming Season. My plants are strong and well hardened off, and should give you entire satisfaction. They are ready for planting end of November and December.

Tubers available September and October.

For a gorgeous display in your garden you cannot do better than give my modern stiff stem Dahlias a trial—they will surprise you.

GUARANTEE—All Stock sent out is guaranteed to be true to name, also to arrive in good growing condition, after which my responsibility ceases. For all branches of Gardening there is always a limited number of failures due to causes beyond my control—such as adverse weather, inexperienced planting, attacks by insect pests, etc., which render it impossible for me to guarantee your success, but if clean healthy plants can give it to you—your success is assured.

TERMS—Cash must accompany all Orders before delivery. Money Orders and Postal Notes payable to Carrum, Vic.

I do not substitute unless requested to do so.

FREIGHT—Victoria, over 20/-, FREE. Interstate, 40/- and over, FREE. Under these amounts, 3d. each plant.

NAMES and ADDRESSES—Remember to write your name and address plainly, also state your nearest Railway Station.

REMEMBER—The secret of success is clean healthy stock. There is only one place for cheap unduly forced plants—and that is the rubbish heap. The will **never** give satisfaction.

NOTE—One little word of advice, **IS** never **AT ANY TIME** use **FRESH** Manure for Dahlias.

All Dahlias listed have been grown by me, and are without exaggeration and true to Catalogue.

Yours truly,

The Carrum Dahlia Gardens

New and Recently Introduced Decoratives and Cactus

NOVELTIES MARKED *

(I.L.) Informal Large; (M.) Modern; (L.D.) Large Decorative;
(G.C.) Garden Cactus; (H.C.) Hybrid Cactus.

ADELAIDE WHITE (H.C.)—6 to 8 inch, pure white. Plants 2/-;
Tubers, 3/-.

ALVERN CYCLAMEN (M.C.)—A beautiful 7 to 8 inch cactus of
true cyclamen colour with nice long strong stems and high
centre, good formation and a profuse bloomer. One of the
best garden cactus to date. A novelty from Tasmania. Plants
only 4/- net.

AZURE (I.L.)—Beautiful lilac rose; one of the largest flowers I
have ever grown. A grand back row flower. Plants 2/-.

A. J. PARKER (L.I.F.)—A very fine show variety possessing excel-
lent garden habits and pleasing color combination. Orange,
buff reverse and centre rosy magenta. Champion S.A., 1940.
Plants 5 ft., blooms 10 x 5. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

*AXFORD TRIUMPH (D.)—Deep apricot, 10 to 12 inch. Its per-
fect type, stems and centre place it in championship class.
Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.

*BRYCE HAY (F.D.)—A beautiful mauve to carmine formal with
nice depth and very good centre. Stems are a little short but
formation is perfect. A good Dahlia for the show bench if
grown to 6 laterals. Plants 3/6, tubers 5/- net.

BILL'S GOLD (L.I.F.)—One of the largest gold Dahlias grown. The
color is gold, deepening to old gold. The blooms can be grown
to 12 in. x 7 in. deep on perfect stems. An exhibition Dahlia of
the highest order. Winner of grand champion honor at Mount
Lofty Show and champion informal Adelaide Show, 1940.
Plants 2/6.

BRENDA CORRY (L.D.)—Old golden bronze, blooms 9 to 10
inches, have long petals that reflex backwards towards the long,
stiff stems; centre holds until season's end. Champion, Perth,
West Australia, 1938. Champion, 1939, West Australia, South
Australia, New Zealand, Melbourne, Victoria, 1940. Plants
2/-, tubers 2/6.

BALLEGO'S SURPRISE (L.C.)—A first-class pure white exhibition
Dahlia. Ideal in all respects. No exhibitor can be without
this variety. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

BLACK MAGIC (H.C.)—Rich deep velvety crimson, with a lovely
sheen. Blooms 6 to 8 inches. Beautiful formation and does
not fade in hot weather. One of the best. Plants 2/6,
tubers 4/-.

*CROYDON ELITE—This new and rare color has arrested the at-
tention of all who have seen it. The color is that of a mustard
shade with a scarlet hue at the edge of every petal. The bloom

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is a real giant; eight flowers eleven inches across can be grown at one time on a plant; the stems are perfect, being long, strong and clean, which hold the flower at a perfect angle well above the beautiful, luxuriant, insect-repellant foliage. I recommend this to all. Winner of the N.D.G.A. Certificate. A real winner. Plants 2/6, tubers 4/-.

CROYDON BUTTERCUP (D.)—Its color being richest possible buttercup yellow. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

CROYDON CHIEF (D.)—This huge Dahlia is a rampant grower of many laterals; all will carry exhibition blooms on long, strong stems. Color is cyclamen to rose. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

***CROYDON IDOL (D.)**—A super Dahlia, mahogany and bronze, 12 inch bloom. Winner N.D.G.A. Cert., Best Seedling, Champion Informal, and Grand Champion of Adelaide Show, 1943. Plants 3/6 net.

CHIEF SCOUT (S.C.)—Pomegranate-red with cerise-red sheen. Large, perfectly-formed exhibition blooms on splendid stems. Plants 2/6.

CLARA CARDER (I.D.)—Well known variety and one of the best. Cyclamen pink. Plants 2/-.

CROYDON BURGUNDY—Many really magnificent Dahlias have been raised at Croydon, but none of them are superior to this wonderful introduction. In 1943 it was second to C. Idol at the A.D.G.S. Show, winning the Certificate; 1944 it won the Best Seedling in the Show, also the Champion Informal Giant Decorative, and finally was awarded the Bywater Cup for the Grand Champion Bloom of the Show. The plant is of medium height, a robust grower, and will carry five blooms 11 x 6 at one time, on long, clean stems as strong as iron rods. Some blooms are facing, but most sit on top of the stem, and these are invariably Champions. The color is a true rich Burgundy without any other shadings, and its beauty is enhanced by covering the bloom for Exhibition. Tuber stocks are limited and will be supplied strictly in rotation while they last. A real Champion. Plants 4/- net, tubers 7/6 net.

***CARRUM BEAUTY (If.D.)**—This Dahlia gained Certificate of Merit at Burnley Trial Grounds last year. The color is a beautiful apricot with darker centre. The stems are nice and long and the centre holds the entire season. Grown to 6 laterals will give 12 x 7-in. flowers. This Dahlia was in a First for 3 Dec. at Cheltenham H.S. Show this year and again in a First for 3 at Temora, N.S.W. I also staged it in a winning 6 at Cheltenham myself this year. A coming Champion. Do not miss this. Stocks limited. Tubers 7/6 net, plants 5/- net.

CROYDON ACME (D.)—Huge deep helio pink with long, perfect stems, 10 to 12 inches. Champion 1940. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

***CRUSADER (D)**—A beautiful blood red Dahlia with long strong stems. A.M. Dahlia at Burnley Trial Grounds 1944. Plants 3/6 tubers 5/- net.

CROYDON VIOLET (L.F.)—The color is naphthaline violet, which deepens if shaded. A giant bloom, both in width as well as depth. The stem is long and strong, holding bloom at perfect angle. Winner of seedlings class at Port Adelaide Show, 1940. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.

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CROYDON WONDER (I.L.)—Bright red. Very good exhibition flower; good habit of growth. The stem is good. A champion, 1937-8-9-40. Plants 2/-.

CARRUM BURGUNDY (F.D.)—A giant formal decorative of true Burgundy color. A seedling of Clara Carder. Plants 2/6.

***CROYDON PEACH**—The introduction of this huge exquisite beauty has released to the Fans a new and unique color, being best described as a Peach Pink deepening to a Vieux Rose. No other Dahlia growing has any coloring similar to this variety. The plant is a very robust grower, about 5 ft. tall, carrying its huge 11 x 6 in. blooms on stems 18 ins. long above the foliage. This is distinctly a back row flower; it is the biggest Formal yet put out and a potential Champion. The foliage is insect-repellant and luxurious in growth. This is one of the best yet released at Croydon. Tuber stock limited. Plants 4/-, tubers 6/- net.

C. G. QUIST (L.C.)—A very large semi-cactus of a beautiful soft shell pink color. This is a most attractive variety, and was very prominent last season. It is a very free grower, and has an excellent stem. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

CYRIEL VERSCHAEVE (L.C.)—Very large glowing wine red; very free and can be recommended both for garden and exhibition purposes; good stem. Plants 1/6.

CARRUM CERISE (M.D.)—A very beautiful miniature decorative Dahlia of perfect formation, of a cerise color. The centre of bloom is darker, and petunia at the tips of petals; it reflexes back to the stem; long, strong stems and very prolific. The color takes the eye in any part of the garden. Plants 2/-.

CARRUM YELLOW (C.)—Light yellow modern hybrid cactus of perfect formation on long, strong stems. This Dahlia, grown naturally, will give you 6 to 7 in. in size, and if disbudded will go to 8 in., and faces at a perfect angle for showing; the centre holds until cut down by frosts; the bush is a tall grower. Limited stocks. Plants 2/- net, tubers 3/-.

CARRUM MAROON (H.C.)—Large cactus of deep maroon color; good centre and nice long stems. Plants 2/6.

CROYDON SCARLET—Another of the very attractive Giants; of great merit because of its striking color and huge size. In refinement it excels most others because of its symmetrical build and the pretty hue of cerise on the reverse of petals. The plant is very robust and free branching. Certificate of Merit N.D.G.A., South Australia. Plants 2/6.

DUKE OF WINDSOR (L.D.)—A very good new Australian variety of large size and first-class exhibition flower. Good grower, with long, strong stems. It is well formed, and color is a distinct dark red. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

DARCY SAINSBURY (L.D.)—A pure white champion of perfect form. Plants 1/6.

DON SOWTEN (F.D.)—This variety is same formation as C. J. Sowten, with better balanced blooms and longer stems. The color is a mellow purple shade, very different color to any other Dahlia. One of the best. Plants 2/-.

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- *DOROTHEA LYONS (G.C.)—A seedling of outstanding charm and merit. Medium to large in size perfect in formation, and carried right out of the vigorous plant on perfect long stems. Its color however, is its chief charm; rich apricot-saffron, quite different from anything we have. Grand for exhibition or garden. Don't miss it. Plants 3/6 net.
- *DOROTHY GEER (D.)—A beautiful pure pink formal Dahlia from America this year. Formation is perfect and stems are long and stiff. This Dahlia is on two Honor Rolls. One of the best. Plants 2/6.
- DON'S SUNRISE (H.C.)—Yellow base overlaid rich rose pink. Our most spectacular Hyb. with blooms 9 to 10 inches, on extra long stems; centres remain closed all season. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- DAWSON (D.)—Color is mid-salmon, suffused yellow; 10 to 11 inches, with perfect formation. Championship winner. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- EVELYN MAUDE (H.C.)—A salmon red tipped yellow, yellow reverse, hybrid cactus of large size, with perfect formation on long, stiff stems, which holds the bloom well out of the foliage at a perfect angle; the petals incurve and the centre holds until cut down by frosts. This Dahlia shows its yellow reverse at the tip of the fluted petals, which makes it a two-toned effect and very pretty. Plants 2/6.
- ENKART PRIMA (H.C.)—Beautiful rich salmon with golden-yellow centre, large size, perfect formation; long stiff stems. Winner of Belgium Challenge Cup and many championships in Australia. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.
- *EVA HARVEY (L.H.C.)—A beautiful light lavender cactus of good formation, nice long strong stems and centres remains closed all season. Plants 2/6.
- ELAINE BUTLER (D.)—Outstanding 9 inch formal, with extra long stems; color is a beautiful rich peach. Championship winner. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/6.
- FRAU O'BRACHT (L.H.C.)—Primrose yellow, of perfect form. A champion of champions. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.
- FERNIE ELITE (H.C.)—A deep scarlet that does not fade; blooms 6 to 8 inch; one of the best. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.
- *F. VIANA (I.D.)—Here we have a magnificent Dahlia which is truly a champion. Its size is immense and its formation perfect, with broad overlapping petals. Deep salmon rose with gold base. Sturdy grower with every bloom reliable and well carried on long, very rigid stems. Superb exhibition variety. Plants 4/- net.
- *FIERY DAWN (G.C.)—Intense fiery scarlet, a color so dazzling that one cannot pass it by. Medium size and fine exhibition type on long, stiff stems. Sturdy open grower with all its flowers borne well out of the plant. Indispensable for all purposes. Champion winner. Plants 3/6 net.
- FREDA GEORGE (D.)—Soft cream overlaid helio. Blooms of very large size. Retain centre all season. Plants 2/-.

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- G. W. HUTCHINSON (H.C.)—Outstanding prize winner since 1935. Large to very large magnificent flowers of refined form and great depth with perfect stems. Color is brilliant yellow. Championship winner, 1944, at Yarra Junction, Royal and Coburg. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-. Champ. 1945.
- GOLDEN AGE (H.C.)—A fine addition to the Hyb. Cactus class. Color a beautiful shade of amber bronze. Formation and centre perfect. Stems long and rigid; the best of its color and a sure prize winner; size 9 in., 10 in. F.C.C., also winner of challenge cup. Plants 2/-.
- GENEVA SURPRISE (F.D.)—An immense orange cadmium blending to apricot-yellow, slightly suffused grenadine-red. This Dahlia was sent to me from America, and has been booked very heavily last year from my garden. One of the best, and one I can recommend. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- GUNYAH GLORY (H.C.)—Violet bloom, 9 to 10 inches, have great depth and extra long, stiff stems. A very tall grower; the best violet to date. Champion 1942. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/-.
- *GOULBURN (H.C.)—Bronzy apricot; blooms grow easily to 10 inches; have great refinement, long stiff stems and centres that hold all season. This variety should be grown naturally, not pinched out. Championship winner. Plants 2/6.
- *HI SPEED (F.D.)—A new shade of French plum, long stiff stems and good centre, blooms 9 to 11 inches; a free bloomer. One of the best. Plants 3/-.
- HEART OF GOLD (H.C.)—Flaming orange scarlet brightly tipped gold, 8 to 9½ inches, with lovely formation and stiff stems. The most outstanding Dahlia in this color, and a sure winner. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- *HILLSIDE GOLD (H.C.)—This Dahlia was sent to me from America two years ago. I have tried it out each year, and it has been one of my best cactus Dahlias. The color is like Joan Black, the high centre is closed all the season and the stems are long and strong. This is one of the best hybrids. Plants 3/6 net.
- IRIS RANSOME (L.D.)—Deep primrose yellow; blooms grow from 9 to 10 inches, have perfect formation and long, stiff stems. One of the best. Champion. 1936-7-8-9. Plants, 2/-, tubers 2/6.
- ILLAWARRA (D.)—Gold shading to deep bronze at centre. Size up to 11 inches. An outstanding Dahlia. Champion, 1940-41-42. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.
- JOAN BLACK (H.C.)—Light bronze shading to apricot; very large size, with best of centre and long, stiff stems. Champion, Brighton, 1940. Green plants 2/6.
- JEAN THORBURN (G.F.D.)—F.F.C. Certificate, 1941-42 Burnley Trial Grounds, gaining 3rd highest points in competition. Dahlia of great merit and I predict a great future for it. Dwarf growing, dark glossy foliage. Deep, well-filled blooms at cor-

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rect angle; grand keeper when cut. Colour rich cream, deepening to primrose centre. A decided acquisition and easily best of its color. Plants 2/6.

KATHLEEN NORRIS (I.L.)—True rose pink, deepening to mellow pink (New stock). Plants 1/6.

KENSINGTON FLAME (M.G.C.)—Orange flame; one of the prettiest of Dahlias. Plants 1/6.

KELVIN (I.F.)—The largest and best decorative introduced last year. Plant dwarf in habit. Remove centre early. Deep peach pink. 12 in. x 7 in. Champion 1944-5. Plants 2/6, tubers 4/-.

*KOONGARRA BRONZE (G.C.)—Another outstanding "Koon-garra" origination of perfect type and form. Rich glowing bronze with gold shadings. Medium blooms of wonderful exhibition merit. Extremely free flowering with all blooms well carried out of the medium sturdy plant on long, stiff stems. Extra! Plants 3/6.

*KOONGARRA DREAM (G.C.)—A grand exhibition variety of best exhibition type and form, and on account of its charming and outstanding colour, delightful coral-apricot, also ideally suited for vase work. Medium to large in size with every bloom perfect and carried on long, stiff stems right above the strong, vigorous plant. A rare and beautiful novelty. Plants 3/6.

*KENSINGTON PRINCESS (S.C.)—9 x 4½, T. This is the one we have been waiting to release, and one of the most popular in our gardens, a rich clear pink with lighter centre, outer florets deepening to rose; has real good long stems on a tall-growing plant. Plants 3/6 net.

*KENSINGTON MOON (M.C.)—6½ x 4. One we expect great things of, being a rich creamy bronze, heavily shaded buff, with deeper centre. Has stems up to 24 in. A champion. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/6.

*KENSINGTON LOVELINESS (M.C.)—A very popular Dahlia in my garden this year. Colour a very deep bronze with gold shadings on strong upright stems. One of the best medium cactus to date. Plants only, 3/-.

LADY MURIEL (D.)—One of the best of the giant decoratives on the market to-day. The color is entirely new, being dark vieux rose shading to coppery rust. The blooms are perfect, 11 to 5 inches, with high centre, on long wiry stems; an outstanding Dahlia. Plants 2/6.

*LOLA BEST—This new one's color is unique and demands the attention of even the most critical. The base of petals are a rich, deep cream, heavily overlaid salmon pink, with the tip of each petal marked with gold. The bloom is a real giant. 11 x 7, on a perfect stem, long and clean, which holds the bloom well out of the foliage. It is a rampant free-branching grower that needs thinning to six laterals. When handled this way it comes into the Champion class. Plants 3/6 net.

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LEONIE, 6½ x 4 (M.C.)—And what a Dahlia. One of the most popular in our gardens. A lovely soft orange scarlet, without a trace of any other shade; on grand stems. Look out for this one. A champion. Plants 2/6 net, tubers 3/6.

LADY VALERIE (M.G.C.)—An outstanding cactus, believed to be the best of its type to date. Winners of blue ribbons at leading shows. Blooms are good all the season. Color lilac-rose. Plants only, 2/6.

MOTHER'S DAY (L.D.)—The largest white dec. on the market and one of the best. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

MARION THORNE (L.F.)—A finely formed flower, with a remarkable color combination, water melon red, edged greyish fawn. Championship winner 1940. Splendid habits. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

MOYUA (H.C.)—A beautiful shade of pink with good formation, perfect centre and long, stiff stems; will grow 9 to 10 inches and over; an outstanding hybrid. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/-.

*MEPHISTO (H.C.)—A beautiful tangerine colored cactus of large size, good formation, nice long strong stems, centre holds till end of season. One of the best novelties of the season. Plants 5/- net.

MISS WAHROONGA (G.C.)—Deep velvety red; blooms grow from 6 to 7 inches, have perfect formation and long, stiff stems; the best medium in this colour. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

*MRS. SHEPSTONE (H.C.)—This beautiful large H.C., 9 x 5, gained Champion H.C. at Adelaide, S.A., last year. Brick red in color with long strong stems, and very good centre which holds till cut down by frosts. This is one of the best on the market to-day and one I can recommend. Plants 5/- net.

MILLGROVE (H.C.) (Heavy Type)—Deep rose pink; probably the largest in this type to date, as blooms grow up to 12 inches, with good depth, and have long, strong stems. Very showy in the garden, and should win at those shows which have a largest bloom section. Champion, 1941. Plants 2/-.

MRS. CHAS. NELSON (I.D.)—Golden amber; 9 to 10 inches, with beautiful formation and great depth. A Blue Ribbon winner and one of the most outstanding in this section. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

MAUREEN BIRCHALL (M.C.)—A grand modern stiff-stemmed dahlia of rich salmon rose with cream centre. Plants 2/-.

MARIE LOU (G.C.)—A giant garden cactus of pink tipped cream with perfect centre and long stiff stems. One of the best. Plants 2/6 net, tubers 3/6. A.M. Burnley, 1944.

*M. E. NATHAN (D.)—A vieux rose of beautiful formation and great depth; it reflexes back to the stem; size 9 to 11 inches. The most impressive dahlia in this section. One of the best. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/6.

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MRS. DUNCAN GUY (D.)—Beautiful clear pink, shading to cream at base of florets; 9 to 10 inches. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

MARGARET CLIFFORD—There is no dahlia of any type the same color, which is described as a rosy cerise; not at any time is it two-toned, being a definite self color. The giant blooms are carried on long, strong, cane-like stems at an excellent angle for the exhibition table. The plant is a luxurious grower, free branching and insect repellent. Plants 3/-, tubers 4/-.

MADAM VAN SELECT (L.H.C.)—Lovely true burgundy color cactus with extra long strong stems and centres remain closed all season. One of the best. Plants 3/6.

NANCY GENE (I.L.)—A very satisfactory Dahlia. Color is rich, deep golden yellow. Vigorous grower, with a strong, erect stem. A champion. Champion, Mordialloc H.S., 1939. Plants 1/6.

*NOELEEN WATSON (F.D.)—This Dahlia was one of the most outstanding blooms of the year, securing Champion at Marickville Horticultural Show, 1943, and was among the winning exhibits wherever shown. Colour is very similar to Autumn Queen. Plants 3/6.

*NOBBY'S LIGHT—This light yellow Dahlia is one of the largest giant informal I have seen, the blooms measuring 12 in. x 7 in.; have good stems and hold their centres till late in the season. This Dahlia won a first-class certificate at the Burnley Trial Grounds last year, and was described as a beautiful flower. Champion in S.A., 1945, and Vic. Plants 5/-, tubers 7/6.

*NYMPHEA (F.D.)—A West Australian introduction that will make its presence felt in the near future. As a good show flower the formation is nearly perfect and I can recommend this Dahlia for all purposes. Stems are nice and long. A.M. Burnley Trial Grounds, 1944. Plants 3/6.

*NINA BUTLER (M.C.)—This Dahlia was awarded Champion Medium at Adelaide Show this year against a record number of entries. The color is pale gold with darker centre, a fine petalled garden cactus of beautiful formation with nice, long stems and centres remain closed all season. The plant is vigorous as up to a dozen flowers can be picked at the one time for exhibition. This is a Dahlia of special merit; do not miss this one. Stocks limited. Plants only, 4/- net.

*OXLEY (L.H.C.)—One of the prettiest cactus on the market. Color pure white with faint suffusion of mauve in centre, nice long strong stems and never shows its centre. Plants 2/6 net, tubers 3/6.

PROFESSOR HUDSON (D.)—Intense salmon deepening to salmon red at centre, a lovely rich color, blooms 9 to 11 inches on long, perfect stems; retains size and centre till season's end; one you will like. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

PAUL PFITZER (L.C.)—The large, elegant flowers are salmon rose, with lilac sheen yellow at base; very recommendable. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

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- *POP HARRIS—A large, vivid scarlet decorative of extra good quality and size. Won two championships last year, 1942, and Blue Ribbon and/or Champion at the following shows:—1943: Goulburn, Croydon, Footscray, Skipton, Yarraville, Northcote, Pascoe Vale, Wangaratta, Coburg and Seddon. Need I say any more than this, that it is the best dark red on the market to-day. Plants 2/6, tubers 4/- net. Champion 1944-5.
- *PAMELA M. JOYCE (D.)—This magnificent yellow informal can easily be grown to 12 inches with good depth; it has a perfect stem, broad petals that are slightly pointed and full centre all season. The most outstanding yellow informal seen for years. Championship winner 1943. Plants 2/6 net, tubers 3/6.
- *RITA BETTY (F.L.)—Very large flower of cinnamon and henna shades. An Australian variety that had wonderful success last season, winning a number of blue ribbons. It has all the good qualities of a champion, and should be grown by everyone. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.
- *RUTH NICKOLAS (D.)—Pink with lavender edge of large size and long, stiff stems; the centre is perfect, and holds till end of season. One of the best decoratives on the market to-day. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/-.
- RAMONA (M.C.)—Orange flame color, both in natural and artificial light; perfectly formed blooms on long, rigid stems; free flowering. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.
- RED TRIUMPH (H.C.)—Outstanding deep crimson. Hyb. that does not fade; 8 in. blooms have perfect stems and formation. I think this one of the best reds on the market to-day. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- RED ROSE (M.D.)—A medium decorative of dark blood red color, with good formation and extra long, strong stems. This is a beautiful Dahlia for the show in the garden. Very prolific. Plants 3/6, tubers 5/-.
- *SOMERTON LAVENDER (H.C.)—One of the most outstanding new varieties this season, and easily our best lavender; blooms have size, 9 inches, beautiful refined formation, and 100 per cent. stems. Plants only, 2/6.
- *SOUTHERN CLOUD (G.G.C.)—F.C.C. Burnley, 1942, gaining 22½ points out of 25. This is a magnificent white and should be in all collections. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/6 net.
- THISTLEDOWN (H.C.)—A pure white hybrid of beautiful formation; long stems and centre hold till cut down by frost. Size 5 to 6 in., and one of the best for florists' works. Extra good plants 2/-.
- THE VICTOR (G.H.C.)—Award of Merit, 1942 Trial Grounds. Vigorous growing semi-dwarf plant, extra long stems. Color bright tangerine throughout. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.
- *TANGERINE (L.G.C.)—A beautiful medium to large cactus of tangerine color with good formation nice long, strong stems and centre holds all season. A wanted color in this section. One of the best novelties for this season. Champion from Tasmania. Plants only, 5/-.

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VAL ROSE (D.)—This is a true formal of grand size, 12 in. blooms with well balanced depth. Color, deep, rich plum, tipped light plum on end of petals. This Dahlia has been tried out and proved a success. The form, stem and color is all that could be desired, and the centre holds till the season's end. Highly recommended. Plants 2/-.

VILLERS BRETONNEUX (F.D.)—Rich blood-red, lightly suffused at tip of florets and at centre; a formal that grows 9 to 11 in. with perfect formation, and long, stiff stems and plenty of depth. One of the very best. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

*VICTORY (I.F.D.)—A nice novelty Dahlia of a dark leather shade with long strong stems and centre holds till cut down by frost. This Dahlia was sent to me from Queensland this year and has been booked fairly heavy for this season. Plants only, 5/-.

WHITE ACE (H.C.)—This is a beautiful cream hybrid cactus with perfect centre and long, stiff stems, similar to Ballegos Surprise, but to my idea a better and bigger cactus, and I think this Dahlia will go a long way on the show bench. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/-.

*WILLIAM E. BUCKLEY (H.C.)—Easily the best of its color, and one of the finest of all Hyb. Cactus; color is a rich salmon pink with lemon at base of petals; blooms up to 8 inches, have lovely formation, perfect stems and centres that remain closed all season. Plants 2/6, tubers 4/-.

WOODLANDS WONDER (D.)—Crushed rose, reverse of florets rosy mauve; 10 to 12 inches. A Champion. Plants 2/-.

WHITE QUEEN (G.C.)—A modern 7 to 8 in. white cactus of good formation with long strong stems and high centre which holds till cut down by frost. Plants only, 3/6.

WALTER MAESTERTUCK (H.C. Med.)—One of the best clear yellow hybrids grown. The blooms are held erect on very good stems and is a most prolific bloomer. Champion in Adelaide this year. Plants 2/-.

WOODLANDS TRIUMPH (M.C.)—A bronze cactus of medium size, with lovely formation, long strong stems and nice high centre. Plants 2/6.

XANTINE (F.L.)—A good yellow formal, which has done very well here in Victoria. It has a good stem, and is most suitable for exhibition. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6. F.C.C. Burnley.

Miniature Dahlias

Size: 4½ to 6 inches.

(D.)—Decorative; (C.)—Cactus; (E.C.)—Exhibition Cactus.

ANDREA'S SELECTA (C.)—A lovely 5 to 6 in. Pink, on long stiff stems. Plants 2/-.

ANDREA'S ORANGE (C.)—A brilliant true orange miniature cactus. Very outstanding. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

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AXFORD BEAUTY (D.)—Dark red toning to amaranth pink; a fine informal miniature. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

BERRIE (C.)—Orange, 5 to 6-inch, with great depth; florets are narrow and build up a bloom with perfect formation. Winner of best exhibit, 1941. One of the best. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

CASULA PEARL (C.)—Delicate pink, free flowering. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

*DORSET HIGH CASTE (C.)—Miniature garden cactus. The color combination, which is similar to that of Enkart Prima, is delightful, soft salmon rose, primrose at centre. Stems are all that could be desired in length and strength. This variety should become as popular as Enkart Prima has become in the giant class. Plant 6 feet. Plants 3/- net.

*DORSET HALLMARK (D.)—Pastel shade of soft peach, a miniature decorative with delicate color and good form. Plants 2/6.

DOROTHY JESSEP (C.)—Beautiful shell pink. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

EDITH (C.)—Another new release, being a lovely clear pink on grand stems. Stock limited. Plants 3/6 net.

FLORENCE NICHOLS (C.)—Apricot, good for all purposes. Plants 2/-.

*GOLDEN WEST (D.)—Helly Boudewijn type. Color, lemon yellow to canary at centre. Blooms have perfect type, stems, and full centre all season. A lovely garden variety, and probably the best in this color for exhibition. Don't miss this. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/6.

HELLY BOUDEWIJN (D.)—Pure white miniature decorative. A ribbon winner and the best to date. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

JULIUS C. BUNGE (C.)—A very striking medium garden cactus with perfectly formed flowers of bright pink on excellent stems. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

MRS. C. W. STONE (C.)—Vermilion, suffused with gold, white at tops of florets. Outstanding for garden display. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

*MRS. F. HARRIS—S.S. Exhibition Cactus 1st class certificate, Burnley, 1944. This miniature is of striking coloring—a deep tomato red, with yellow tonings in centre. The form of this flower is quite unique. Good long stems and of vigorous habit. Don't miss this Novelty. Plants 3/-.

*MYALL GOLD (D.)—This is one of the most perfect Mins. to date, every flower being well formed and held high above the foliage on the longest of stems. This Dahlia should be in every collection. Plants 2/6, tubers 3/6. (Stocks limited.)

MARGIE (Min. D.)—Margie is an extra fine variety of its type. Color is pink and cream shaded orchid mauve. Stems are 100 per cent., and blooms are plentiful. Championship winner. Plants 3/-.

MYALL CLASSIC (C.)—Miniature novelty of amber bronze with perfect formation. Plants 2/-.

MRS. D. A. SWANSTON (C.)—Perfectly formed salmon pink miniature cactus. Plants 1/6.

NAGELS BIJOU (C.)—Salmon buff miniature of perfect formation. Plants 1/6.

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NESTA (D.)—Color duck white, edged with helio; most outstanding coloring. Winner of numerous prizes and championships; also winner of a Merit at Burnley. Plants only, 3/6.

OLIVE MATTHEWS (D.)—Helly Boudewijn type. Color fiery red. This plant possesses abundance of perfectly formed flowers. Winner of F.C.C. Burnley Trial Grounds. A great addition to Min. Decs. Plants 2/-, tubers 2/6.

SANDRA—An outstanding Min. G. Cactus. Color cyclamen pink, gold at base of petals. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

SUNSET (C.)—Rose suffused yellow and orange. One of the prettiest miniature decoratives on the market to-day, and well named. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

WILD ROSE (D.)—A beautiful salmon suffused with lemon. Min. Dec. with nice long stems and a beautiful color. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.

*WESBURN (C.)—Cream overlaid cerise rose; a miniature of perfect formation and great depth; centre remains closed all season. An outstanding 1943 prize winner. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.

WATER LILY (D.)—Delicate salmon pink, flushed primrose; exceptionally dainty, with broad petals curling inward like a water lily. Plants 2/-.

YELLOW POPPY (C.)—A beautiful yellow cac. miniature. Long stems and deep high centre. Plants 2/6.

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Charm Dahlias

The dainty Charm has pushed its way into the Home Garden by sheer merit of Quality and Utility. CHARMS are the ideal Dahlias for massing in beds. Grown one foot six inches apart they make beautiful color schemes. For bowl and vase-work they are becoming very prominent on the show benches, where their dainty, perfect blooms make the larger coarser type look somewhat out of place.

The following list of Charms on the whole are as modern and up-to-date varieties as are procurable in the world to-day, quality being the only consideration in their selection.

(I.F.)—Informal. (D.)—Decorative. (C.)—Cactus.

Tubers available unless otherwise stated.

MY SELECTION, 15/- PER DOZEN.

ACACIA (C.)—A very outstanding yellow cactus charm. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

ALAN CARTER (C.)—Cyclamen shaded cream; a lovely Dahlia in championship class. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

BABY ROYAL (C.)—Salmon apricot with yellow base; everybody's favorite. Plants 1/-, tubers 1/3.

BEAUTIFUL (C.)—Clear shell pink. Plants 1/6.

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BURNET GEM (C.)—Orange flame. Plants 1/6.

BEVERLY THOMPSON (C.)—This cactus Charm won as best seedling at Sandringham H.S. Show, 1942, and was very highly spoken of; color is very pretty creamy yellow shaded bronze; bloom very deep, and stem nice and long. Plants 2/-.

BETTY NEVILLE (D.)—And what a Dahlia. Color a very rich salmon shaded rose; on the very best of long, strong stems. The one you have been waiting for. We expect great things of this Dahlia. Plants 2/- net, tubers 2/6.

CLIFTON (C.)—A nice red novelty cactus Charm from South Australia. Good formation, with long stems. One of the best reds. Plants 3/- net.

DENNY (C.)—A Charm of excellent qualities. The blooms are suitable for exhibition or garden purposes; they are produced on very long, stiff stems. The color is a deep mauve. Plants 1/6.

***DOREEN (C.)**—One of last season's releases. A beautiful scarlet; on the very best of stems. A champion. Plants 2/6.

DOROTHY ABBOTT (C.)—Yellow edged mauve pink. Plants 1/6.

FAIRY (D.)—Miniature Jersey Beauty, ideal in all respects; winner of many championships. Plants 1/-, tubers 1/6.

FAIRY DELL (G.C.)—Charm, color lemon overlaid a beautiful shell pink. Deep narrow petals in curved blooms of best exhibition type, on long wiry stems. One of the daintiest. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/6.

GLORIOUS (D.)—One of the most popular; is remarkably free, in fact, all flower; color, raspberry red. Winner of many champions. Plants 1/6.

GWENDOLINE (C.)—Wine purple. Plants 1/6.

***GENEVA CRYSTAL WHITE (C.)**—Pure white (Cac.) from America; on Honor Roll; won at all shows. Tall grower and one of the best white Charms. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/6.

HONEYMOON (C.)—Dazzling orange-bronze with gold base and flame centre. Strong plants with extra long, rigid stems up to two feet long. Most outstanding in the garden and ideal for show and vase work. Truly magnificent. Plants 2/6 net, tubers 3/6.

JUDY JUNNER (C.)—A beautiful rich pink. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

***JOAN, CACTUS (C.)**—One you have been waiting for. Color, a lovely rich scarlet, with lighter centre; on the grandest of stems. Plants 2/- net, tubers 3/-.

JUDITH WHITE (C.)—A beautiful pure pink Charm of the best formation. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

KENSINGTON MOONRAY (C.)—One of our new releases. A lovely gold with outer florets shading to deep buff giving the blooms a beautiful two-tone effect. Has the best of long stems. Plants 2/6 net.

***KENSINGTON LILAC (C.)**—One of the most popular Dahlias in our gardens, being a beautiful lilac with outer florets shading to deep lavender with much deeper centre; has extra long, strong stems which hold the blooms well above the foliage. A welcome addition to any collection. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/6.

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KENSINGTON AMBER (C.)—Amber with deeper centre; long, stiff stems. Plants 1/6.

*KENSINGTON BEAM (C.)—Another of our new releases. A rich salmon pink heavily shaded deep bronze with outer florets shading to salmon. Has wonderful long stems and the best of habits in growth. Plants 2/6 net.

LITTLE DREAM (C.)—A charming variety of bright pink tipped white on grand stems. Plants 1/6.

LADY'S FANCY (C.)—Lemon with rich mauve suffusion; a lovely refined cactus charm, and one of the best offered. Champion 1944, at Canterbury, Croydon and Royal. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/6.

LITTLE JENNIE (C.)—Charm Distinctly flesh colored little Dahlia, lightening to canary yellow to centre; wonderful cut flower. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

LITTLE GEM (C.)—Charm of cactus type; very dainty; colour pale bluish pink, almost white in centre; abundance of flowers; holds centre well. F.C.C. Burnley, 1938. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

MURIEL JOYCE (C.)—Well formed Exhibition, blooms of bright salmon rose. Plants 1/6.

MRS. E. W. BENNETT (C.)—Very dark red, nice long stems and the best of centres. F.C.C. Burnley. Plants 1/6, tubers 3/-.

NANCY GEPP (C.)—A beautiful salmon pink flower. Grand for indoor decoration. One of the best. Plants 2/-.

POPPY (D.)—One of the best. Color yellow at centre, changing to a deep coral, but the whole tinged with rosy tints. Plants 1/6.

PETITE SONNE (C.)—A grand gold, on the best of stems, free and good. Plants 1/6, tubers 1/6.

*RED DARLING (C.)—This year's novelty in the reds. Very full flower, good centre and long strong stems. Plants 2/-, tubers 3/-.

*RARE (C.)—Distinct new and rare shade of dusty-pink. Perfect exhibition type on splendid stems. Winner of many champions. Plants 2/-.

ROYAL CRIMSON (C.)—An outstanding crimson, perfect until season's end. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

RANUNCULI (D.)—Yellow and red, resembles a Ranunculus. An outstanding novelty with good centre all season. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

*UNICE SMITH (C.)—A beautiful smoky pink cac. Charm novelty for this season, long stems and good formation, a good exhibition flower. Plants only 3/6.

*VALETTA (C.)—Light biscuit and bronze. Very pretty. Plants 1/6, tubers 2/-.

VALMA SHARKEY (C.)—Rich apricot, gold centre. Plants 1/6.

CHARM DAHLIA SEEDS, hand picked from Best Named Varieties. Packet 50 seeds, 2/6.

I have won Best Seedling two years running with Charms from this seed at Sandringham H.S., also 1st prize for 3 Seedlings at Cheltenham H. S. Show this year.

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